



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:	)	Group Art Unit: 3661
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RING, MICHAEL E.	)	Examiner: B. BROADHEAD
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Serial No.: 09/399,412	)	Attorney Docket: CRD 99304
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Filed: September 20, 1999	)	
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For: A METHOD OF AND AN APPARATUS	)	Date: July 02, 2001
FOR ENHANCING THE BRAKING	)	
EFFICIENCY OF A RAILWAY	)	
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AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant acknowledges that a Final Office Action dated April 10, 2001, pertaining to the above referenced matter has been received.

In the Office Action, the Examiner maintains the following rejections: Claims 1-3, 5-8, 11 and 16-17 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Cook et al (5,605,387); Claim 4 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unobvious over Cook et al in view of Jordan, Jr. (5,424,948); Claims 9-10 and 12-15 under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Cook et al in view of Kull (5,681,015); Claim 18 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unobvious over Cook et al in view of Matsuoka (5,544,057); and Claims 19-20 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unobvious over Cook et al in view of Roselli et al (5,718,487).